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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PREL, PGOV, VE, GT
SUBJECT: GOG ON VENEZUELA

REF: STATE 385581

1. (U) THE GOG STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE VENEZUELAN
COUP ATTEMPT. ON NOVEMBER 27, THE MFA ISSUED A
STATEMENT EXPRESSING GUATEMALA'S "SOLIDARITY AND
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UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT TO THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE AND
GOVERNMENT IN THEIR DETERMINATION TO BACK THE
INSTITUTIONS AND DEMOCRACY OF THEIR COUNTRY..." THE
COMMUNIQUE FURTHER NOTED THAT GUATEMALA IS COMMITTED
TO THE DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY AND LIBERTY AND "REGRETED
AND ENERGETICALLY CONDEMNED" THE EFFORT TO "BREAK THE
CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER" IN VENEZUELA. THE MFA ALSO
SAID THAT IT INSTRUCTED ITS OAS MISSION TO "PROMOTE
JOINTLY WITH OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES THE ADOPTION OF
APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO SUPPORT VENEZUELA IN ITS
EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD DEMOCRACY."

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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2. (U) PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY ALVARADO ADDED HIS VOICE TO THE GENERAL CONDEMNATION OF THE ATTEMPTED COUP, NOTING THAT PRESIDENT SERRANO HAD SENT A MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT TO CARLOS ANDREZ PEREZ (CAP). ALVARADO ADDED THAT "ANY BREAK IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER IN VENEZUELA, AS A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY, IMPLIES DANGER FOR OTHER NATIONS OF THE CONTINENT. IF BAD EXAMPLES ARE GIVEN, THEY CAN NATURALLY LEAD TO TEMPTATIONS TO IMITATE" THE COUP EFFORT.

3. (C) IN THE COURSE OF A LONGER NOVEMBER 30 DISCUSSION ON THE UPCOMING PANAMANIAN SUMMIT, MFA CENTRAL AMERICA AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] TOLD POLOFF THAT THE REGION'S PRESIDENTS WILL INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR CAP IN THEIR FINAL COMMUNIQUE. HE ADDED THAT THEY WILL TAKE THEIR CUE ON WHAT TO SAY FROM THE DECEMBER 1-2 RIO GROUP SUMMIT IN BUENOS AIRES. HONDURAN PRESIDENT CALLEJAS

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IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND THAT MEETING AND REITERATE
CENTRAL AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR VENEZUELA'S DEMOCRATIC
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